

SUPPORT WORKERS: A SOLUTION FOR SUCCESS

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In mid 1986 I was in an automobile accident and received a Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI). I was a professional, but quit my job as I started noticing I was getting worse, not better. By 1992, I had no alphabet and I could not read.

My first support came in 1993 when I was referred to Protective Services as a victim of financial exploitation.

In 2000, I was able to receive services from Services for People with Disabilities (DSPD). I thank God that Bonnie Kosoff, worker, was so helpful. The first thing DSPD did was finalize my divorce - the courts would not work with me due to the TBI. With Bonnie's help, my pension was secured, my home was sold, purchased a mobile home, and I applied to college.

By 2003, DSPD helped me learn banking and check writing. They also hooked me up with Vocational Rehabilitation to help me open a home business, as I had learned to use the phone again. I received my Bachelors in 2004 and my Masters in 2007. Today I am getting my Doctorate with such high grades the college has given me a full scholarship.

With all these years of help from support workers, at the age of 74 I am now able to establish a business to support myself when I lose my pension. This would not be possible without the long and varied support I have had.

To every person that works in this capacity; Thanks to all of you!